

Remarks

Claim Objections

The Examiner objected to Claim 8 as being improper in form because a multiple dependant claim should refer to the other claims in the alternative only. Also, this claim 8 was objected to as a multiple dependant claim cannot depend from another multiple dependant claim (claim 7). *See Office Action p. 2.* Claim 8 has been amended in the above claim set.

Claim Rejections

The Examiner has rejected Claim 21 under 35 USC 112, Second paragraph as being an omnibus claim. *See Office Action p. 2.* Claim 21 has been withdrawn from consideration in the above claim set.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1, 3, 5, 7-8, and 21 as being anticipated by Walt, II et al. (US Pat. No 7,062,831). *Id. p. 3.* Turning first to claims 1 and 21, the Examiner asserts that “Walt, II et al teaches a method for assembling a component in an assembly, the method including the steps of: positioning the component in the assembly in accordance with a proposed position in the assembly (see column 3 lines 1-17); sensing that the component is in its correct special position in the assembly by use of sensing means capable of sensing spatial relationship and/or connection of the component in relation to the assembly (see column 3 lines 10-17); and communicating information regarding the sensed spatial relationship and/or connection to information processing means (see Figure 1 and column 5 lines 42-48).” *Id.* Claim 21 has been withdrawn from consideration and will longer be addressed rendering this rejection moot. Walt, II et al

discloses in column 3, lines 1-17 an assembly system comprising a fixture holding the article of assembly, and first and second targets fixed relative to the fixture that correspond to first and second fastening locations on the articles of assembly. Walt, II et al discloses the need for at least two different types of targets (column 2 lines 55-60). Since Applicant's invention does not require the need for at least two different types of targets, it is difficult to analogize Walt, II et al's disclosed invention to Applicant's invention. Walt, II et al depends on the use of the two targets while Applicant's invention discloses the steps of positioning the component, sensing the component, and communicating the position of the component. As such, Applicant's invention cannot anticipate Walt II, et al.

Claim 3 and 5 has been withdrawn from consideration thereby rendering the rejections moot.

Claims 7 and 8 are dependant on Claim 1 and Applicant believes they will be allowable once Claim 1 is reconsidered.

Conclusion

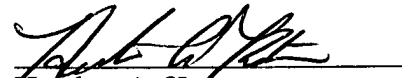
In light of the above claim amendments, Applicant believes this application is now in good form for allowance and respectfully requests that the Examiner grant allowance in this case.

Authorization

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this Reply, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-3791.

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Sincerely:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Heather A. Kartsounes', is written over a horizontal line.

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